

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ At page 5, line 12, kindly replace the term "Filgrastim®" with the term "FILGRASTIM®".

✓ At page 15, line 16, kindly replace the term "Pluronic®" with the term "PLURONICS®".

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 6-7 and 9-12.

Kindly add new Claim 13.

Kindly replace Claims 1-5 and 8 with the following:

1. A sustained-release pharmaceutical composition comprising granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF) incorporated into a biocompatible polyol:oil suspension, wherein said suspension contains a thickener, and wherein said composition is prepared by a process which comprises:

(a) mixing a solution of G-CSF in a polyol to form a G-CSF:polyol mixture;

Q2 (b) suspending said G-CSF:polyol mixture in a mixture comprising a thickened oil to form a G-CSF:polyol:oil suspension wherein the level of said polyol in said suspension is in the range from 15%-30% by weight.

2. The composition of Claim 1 wherein said biocompatible polyol is selected from the group consisting of glycerol, erythritol, arabinose, xylose, ribose, inositol, fructose, galactose, maltose, and sucrose.